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Washington, DC  
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**Please Note: New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) and must register in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). In addition, all vendors must also be registered in the CCR, within 48 hours after bid opening or your company may be considered non-responsive.**

FV-307

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: February 22, 2008

Dried Fruit, Announcement FV-307, Invitation 055

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell dried fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for distribution to the needy family and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1:00 p.m., Central time, Monday, March 10, 2008**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, March 31, 2008. Deliveries are to be made from May 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008.

Offers are invited from the trade for:

**Dried Cherries**

**8/2 lb.**

**66,528 cases**

**No offers will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.**

The product must be 100% grown, processed and packed in the United States from the 2007 and/or later crop year.

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

All invitations with orders for the state of New York must have the pack date stamped on the outside of each carton. The pack date should be annotated as per the following example: (05/01/2003). Orders for the state of New York requiring the special marking will be indicated by (\*\*). This applies to New York orders "Only," if and when they appear on an invitation.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?> Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

**Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract.** Inquiries about Announcement FV-307, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Dried Fruit dated May 2004 or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/ Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered to destination basis, subject to Announcement FV-307, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Split shipments are indicated by a single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV307  
 INVITATION : 055  
 COMM GROUP : 35 FRUITS, DRIED  
 COMM TYPE : 70 CHERRIES, DRIED  
 PACK SIZE : 10 8/2 LB

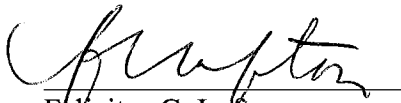
ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)
DELIVERY PERIOD 05/01/08 - 05/15/08					
001	BALTIMORE	MD	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
002	VINELAND	NJ		1,848	_____
003	NEWPORT NEWS	VA	TRUCK ONLY	616	_____
	NORFOLK	VA	TRUCK ONLY	616	_____
	RICHMOND	VA	TRUCK ONLY	616	_____
004	ATLANTA	GA	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
005	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	1,385	_____
	ST CHARLES	IL	TRUCK ONLY	463	_____
006	INDIANAPOLIS	IN	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
007	BATTLE CREEK	MI	TRUCK ONLY	462	_____
	WARREN	MI	TRUCK ONLY	1,386	_____
008	AKRON	OH	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
009	LITTLE ROCK	AR	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
010	ALEXANDRIA	LA	TRUCK ONLY	647	_____
	BATON ROUGE	LA	TRUCK ONLY	407	_____
	NEW ORLEANS	LA	TRUCK ONLY	794	_____
011	ALBUQUERQUE	NM	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
012	OKLAHOMA CITY	OK	TRUCK ONLY	1,109	_____
	TULSA	OK	TRUCK ONLY	739	_____
013	BEAUMONT	TX	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
	VICTORIA	TX	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____

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014	COLUMBIA	MO	TRUCK ONLY	462	_____
	KANSAS CITY	MO	TRUCK ONLY	768	
	SPRINGFIELD	MO	TRUCK ONLY	618	
015	MESA	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
	TUCSON	AZ	TRUCK ONLY	924	
016	BELL	CA	TRUCK ONLY	7,392	_____
017	LONG BEACH	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
018	PORTLAND	OR	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
DELIVERY PERIOD 06/01/08 - 06/15/08					
019	BRONX	NY	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____ **
	ELMIRA	NY	TRUCK ONLY	462	
	MILLWOOD	NY	TRUCK ONLY	462	
020	ALTOONA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
021	COAL TOWNSHIP	PA	TRUCK ONLY	924	_____
	WILKES-BARRE	PA	TRUCK ONLY	924	
022	PHILADELPHIA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	_____
023	CLEARWATER	FL	TRUCK ONLY	599	_____
	FORT MYERS	FL	TRUCK ONLY	571	
	HOMESTEAD	FL	TRUCK ONLY	678	
024	JACKSONVILLE	FL	TRUCK ONLY	1,260	_____
	PACE	FL	TRUCK ONLY	588	
025	HOMESTEAD	FL	TRUCK ONLY	1,080	_____

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	WINTER HAVEN	FL		768	
026	ATLANTA	GA	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	
027	CHICAGO	IL	TRUCK ONLY	3,696	
028	CORPUS CHRISTI	TX	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	
DELIVERY PERIOD 06/16/08 - 06/30/08					
029	BIRMINGHAM	AL	TRUCK ONLY	841	
	MONTGOMERY	AL	TRUCK ONLY	1,007	
030	BIRMINGHAM	AL	TRUCK ONLY	497	
	HUNTSVILLE	AL	TRUCK ONLY	689	
	THEODORE	AL	TRUCK ONLY	662	
031	COLORADO SPRING	CO	TRUCK ONLY	462	
	CONCORDIA	KS	TRUCK ONLY	924	
	PUEBLO	CO	TRUCK ONLY	462	
032	LOS ANGELES	CA	TRUCK ONLY	1,848	
TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE				66,528	
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 Contracting Officer  
 Commodity Procurement Branch  
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